Subject: Conditions and Criteria for Equivalency of the *British Secondary Certificate*

Effective from the Academic Year 2025/2026

The Department of Student Affairs at the Ministry of Education and Higher Education extends its best wishes and appreciates your continuous efforts to enhance the quality of education, always working in the best interest of our students.

With reference to Article (1) of Ministerial Decision No. (11) of 2021, which includes the conditions and criteria for the equivalency of the British Secondary Certificate for students enrolled in schools following the British curriculum, we would like to inform you of the following:

- The implementation of the conditions and criteria for the equivalency of the British Secondary Certificate stated in Article (1) of Ministerial Decision No. (11) of 2021 will continue to apply, effective from the academic year 2025/2026, to all high school students (Grade 10 and Grade 11) enrolled in schools implementing the British system.

- The British Secondary Certificate will be recognized according to the following conditions and criteria:

1-The student must complete a minimum of one full academic year of study to obtain this certificate.

2-The student must pass the British curriculum subjects according to one of the options listed in the following table:

Options	**Table of Subjects and Passing Grades**			**Remarks**
	A-LEVEL	**AS-LEVEL**	**IGCSE**	
First Option	———	Three AS-Level subjects with passing grades A, B, C, D, E	Seven IGCSE subjects with passing grades of A*, A, B, C, D, E (9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2)	———

Options	Table of Subjects and Passing Grades			Remarks
	A-LEVEL	**AS-LEVEL**	**IGCSE**	
Second Option	One A-Level subject with passing grades A*, A, B, C, D, E	One AS-Level subject with passing grades A, B, C, D, E	Seven IGCSE subjects with passing grades of A*, A, B, C, D, E (9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2)	If a student studies a subject at the AS level and then continues to study the same subject at the AL level, it will be counted as one subject at the AL level. The student is required to study an ONE additional subject at the AS level.
Third Option	———	Four AS-Level subject with passing grades A, B, C, D, E	Five IGCSE subjects with passing grades of A*, A, B, C, D, E (9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2)	———
Fourth Option	One A-Level subject with passing grades A*, A, B, C, D, E	Two AS-Level subject with passing grades A, B, C, D, E	Five IGCSE subjects with passing grades of A*, A, B, C, D, E (9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2)	If a student studies a subject at the AS level and then continues to study the same subject at the AL level, it will be counted as one subject at the AL level. The student is required to study an TWO additional subject at the AS level.

3-Muslim students are required to study Islamic Education according to the Qatari curriculum and pass the subject in Grades 10, 11, and 12.

4-Arab students are required to study Arabic Language as a First Language, either through the IGCSE subject and AS subjects or according to the Qatari curriculum, and must pass the subject in Grades 10, 11, and 12.

5- Students are allowed to take the centralized examinations according to the approved examination sessions and the schedules set by the British examination boards, based on the student's preference and academic ability.

6- Students are not permitted to sit for A-Level, AS-Level, or IGCSE examinations at any center or school other than the one in which they are officially enrolled. Exceptions are made for adult students and those who have completed Grade 12, provided they obtain prior approval from the Student Information Center under the Assessment Affairs Sector at the Ministry of Education and Higher Education.

7-The eleventh-grade student is allowed to study one subject (BTEC Level 2 Certificate) in the following specializations, equivalent to two IGCSE subjects.

- IT
- Engineering
- Health and Social Care

8-The Twelfth -grade student is allowed to study one subject (BTEC Level 3 Certificate) in the following specializations, equivalent to one AS LEVEL subjects.

- AS LEVEL
- IT
- Engineering
- Health and Social Care
- Applied Science

●The equivalent percentage scores for evaluating British secondary school certificate subjects shall be adopted as shown in the following tables (1–4), which include the grading of British secondary school certificate subjects and their corresponding percentages used when equating the British secondary school certificate.

- **Table 1: Ordinary Level Subject Grades (IGCSE / O-Level)**

IGCSE Grades		
Level Grade (Letter)	**Level Grade (Digit)**	**Percentage(%)**
A*	9	100
	8	98
A	7	95
	6	88
B		85
	5	80
C	4	75
D		65
	3	63
E		55
F	2	50

- **Table 2: Advanced Level Subject Grades AS-Level**

AS-Level Grades	
Level Grade (Letter)	**Percentage(%)**
A	100
B	85
C	75
D	65
E	55

- **Table 3: Higher Level Subject Grades A-Level**

A-Level Grades	
Level Grade (Letter)	**Percentage(%)**
A*	100
A	95
B	85
C	75
D	65
E	55

- **Table 4: BTEC Subject Evaluation Table**

BTEC Level 3				BTEC Level 2			
Pass	**Merit**	**Distinction**	**Distinction***	**Pass**	**Merit**	**Distinction**	**Distinction***
55%	**75%**	**95%**	**100%**	**75%**	**85%**	**95%**	**100%**

- Private schools following the British system must adhere to the conditions and regulations for the equivalency of the British Secondary School Certificate as outlined above in sections (First, Second, and Third). They are also required to ensure that students and parents are made aware of these conditions through all available means, with parents' signatures obtained as acknowledgment and confirmation of their understanding of the approved equivalency conditions and regulations for the British Secondary School Certificate.

This requirement shall be implemented starting from the 2025–2026 academic year for all secondary school students (Grade 10, Grade 11, and Grade 12).